STATEMENT OF RANDY KILGORE

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Pedro Alvarez came to my house and asked if I would guard some pot for him and Scott, for $500 a week. I took the offer. That night Scott & Pedro picked me up at my apartment on Stroud and we went to a stash house on Wayne Road, off of Gun Highway. I weighed pot and took money while I was there. There was two other people there. Dale Lester and a kid whose name I don't remember from some Bible School in St. Pete. About a week or two after Christmas Pedro and Scott said they would pay me to ride the plane to South America and pick up the next load for them. I went to the Hawaiian Village on Dale Mabry with Paul Rice and John Wells. There we rented two rooms. That night Mike Fink and Mike Durst came to the rooms. We talked for awhile and they left. The next morning at 5:00 a.m. we left the Hawaiian Village and stopped at a convenience store for cokes and beer and stuff on the corner of Rome and Sligh. From there we went to Zephyrhills Airport.

John and Paul told me they told Pedro he was crazy to rent the plane for $10,000 so now he had bought it for $10,000. We then left for the Bahamas. We stopped at one place in the Bahamas, I think at Inagua. They would not give us fuel for the plane so John or Paul bribed the gas man so he would meet us the next morning. The next morning we left for South America. As we reached South America Paul pointed out Santa Marta on the right beyond some mountains. We flew over some large highway and landed on a dirt runway which was explained to have been built by U.S. Aid bulldozers.

Pedro Devila was there with fuel and pot waiting for

us. We fueled the plane. Then I helped load the pot. Pedro Devila had a AR 180 which Alvarez had given him. He had the wrong kind of ammo in it and he thanked me for telling him. He asked if I could get him any fully auto rifles and we talked guns for awhile. We left and headed back to the U.S.

The plane was giving a weird vibration and Paul said one of the props must have hit a rock while taking off the dirt runway. There were six 55 gal. drums of gas on the plane with a hand pump. Paul said that would allow us to fly back nonstop to Zephyrhills. We landed at Lakeland Airport.

John left the plane to call Zephyrhills and see if it was Okay to come on in. He came back to the plane and told us he couldn't get an answer. We left Lakeland and headed for Zephyrhills. Landed and John and Paul left the plane (I will still in it) got in their truck and left. A police car came to the chain at the airport, then he left. Pedro Scott, Mike Sarga, Sparky Yee came up in a Wenaloyd Camper and we unloaded the pot into it. I went in the head car with Pedro and the camper followed us. We went to Riverview to Wayne Heckett rented trailer. Unloaded some pot there. Then Scott drove me back to my house.